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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jason Shrake, 32, of Tomah, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 330 months in prison without parole, for possessing and distributing child pornography. Following his release from prison, Shrake will be on supervised release for the rest of his life. Shrake was convicted of these charges on January 17, 2007, following a two-day jury trial.

On March 20, 2005, Shrake sent two videos of child pornography to an undercover FBI agent. Agents later executed a search warrant at his home and seized his computer and numerous CDs. Child pornography was found on his computer hard drive and several of the CDs. Several child pornography videos were also found on one of the CDs.

In sentencing Shrake, Judge Shabaz said he was concerned with the damage done to the victims in child pornography cases. He further stated that Shrake should be confined as long as the law would allow.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide

initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The charges against Shrake were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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